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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (A), MODERN AIR TRANSPORT INFORMED CIVIL AIR ATTACHES NOVEMBER 21 THAT WITH THE 26 PERCENT REDUCTION IN AVIATION FUEL BEING SUPPLIED BY ESSO, MAT COULD NO LONGER MAINTAIN ITS FULL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES TO SAARBRUECKEN. FOLLOWING CAA APPROVAL, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 24, MAT SCHEDULES BETWEEN BERLIN AND SAARBRUECKEN WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE MORNING AND ONE EVENING ROUND TRIP ON MONDAYS PLUS ONE EVENING ROUND TRIP ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND FRIDAYS. MCGLON HOPES TO RE-INSTATE THE CANCELLED SERVICES IF AND WHEN FUEL SUPPLIES IMPROVE AND EXPRESSED REGRET TO EMBASSY CAA THAT MAT HAD TO TAKE THIS STEP JUST WHEN LOAD FACTORS WERE BEGINNING

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TO SHOW SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

2. BRITISH AND FRENCH BOTH UNDERSTOOD MAT'S NEED TO CUT SERVICES. THEY APPRECIATED THAT BOTH FROM A COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS A PUBLIC INTEREST VIEWPOINT IT MADE MORE SENSE FOR MAT TO REDUCE ITS STILL UNPROFITABLE, LOW LOAD FACTOR SAARBRUECKEN SERVICE THAN ITS CHARTER SERVICES OUT OF BERLIN, WHICH ARE HEAVILY BOOKED OVER THE ON-COMING HOLIDAY SEASON.

3. EMBASSY ALSO ADVISED FONOFF MEMBER KRONECK OF THE BCATAG OF MAT'S PLANS. KRONECK EXPRESSED APPRECIATE THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN INFORMED BEFORE THE SCHEDULE CUTS WERE REPORTED TO THE PRESS. UP TO THE PRESENT, THERE HAVE BEEN NO ADVERSE REACTIONS FROM THE FRG AND IN THE LIGHT OF WIDESPREAD REDUCTIONS IN AIRLINE FREQUENCIES DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGES WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE SIGNIFICANT CRITICISM. IN ADDITION TO THE REMAINING NON-STOP SAARBRUECKEN SERVICES OPERATED BY MAT, PAA STILL MAINTAINS REASONABLY GOOD CONNECTING SERVICES BETWEEN BERLIN AND SAARBRUECKEN VIA COLOGNE AND FRANKFURT.

4. PAA IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT WILL BE OBLIGED TO ASK CAA'S TO IMPLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 26 THE REDUCTION OF FREQUENCIES REPORTED REFTEL C. THEY ARE REEXAMINING THEIR FUEL RESOURCES NOVEMBER 23 AND CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THEY MAY MAINTAIN THEIR SCHEDULES AT CURRENT LEVELS A BIT LONGER.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY CAA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MAT'S SCHEDULE REDUCTIONS TO EMPHASIZE TO BRITISH AND FRENCH CAA'S THE DESIRABILITY OF AN EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF IGS FUELS BETWEEN THE CARRIERS, AND URGED THE BRITISH TO PUT PRES-SURE ON BEA TO AGREE TO AN UNDERSTANDING IN THIS REGARD. WE UNDERSTAND BEA AND PAA MAY BE IN CONTACT TODAY. BRITISH HAVE, UP TO THE PRESENT, LEFT THE MATTER OF ALLOCATIONS LARGELY UP TO BEA, AND WE HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE POINT HERE WHERE AN EFFECTIVE TRIPARTITE APPROACH BY THE CAA'S CAN BE MADE TO THE FRG.  
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